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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (26 August-02 September 2011)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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26/08/2011: Five operators from Oahu will travel to the Kalaupapa, Molokai peninsula, island of Molokai (IOTA OC-019, USi HI015S, WLOTA 1045) and Kalawao County, the site of Kalaupapa National Historical Park (WFF KFF-043) where Hawaii residents and others who were afflicted with leprosy (today called Hansen's disease) were exiled. The team will be there from 25-29 August 2011, operating up to 2 stations on 40-10 metre SSB and CW in the Hawaii QSO Party (27-28 August). Before and after the contest they may be on WARC bands as time permits. Callsign will be KH7Q. QSL via AH6NF or operator instructions. The group will not have real-time Internet access while there. Website: www.karc.net/HQP [KARC]

27/08/2011: Operators Will PA3ALK, Jack PA3BAG, Steef PA2A and Wim PA2AM will be active from Market Reef (IOTA EU-053, ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WFF OHFF-038, WLOTA 0542, WW Loc. JP90NH) between 27 August and 3 September 2011, using the callsign OJ0CC. QRV on all HF bands in SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. Also QRV on 4m and 6m. QSL via PA2A, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

28/08/2011: Helmut DM2BPG, Erich DL2HUC and Sig DL1HSI will be active on the 28th of August 2011 from the Castle of Querfurt (WCA DL-02328, COTA-DL SAB-197 as homecall/p from 9:00 till 14:00 their local time. QSL via their home calls, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

30/08/2011: The Low Land DXpedition Team (LLDXT) are planning a trip to Wiltz, Luxembourg (WW Loc. JN29XX). Operators Ronald PA3EWP, Jo PA9JO, Dennis PA7FM and Alex PA1AW will be signing LX/homecall between 30 August and 6 September 2011. QRV on all modes and all bands between 160-2 metres using several yagis and monoband antennas. They will also participate in the VHF Region 1 contest (3-4 September) as a 2m entry using 13 element yagis, FT847 and amplifier. QSL all callsigns via PA1AW, direct. Bureau QSLs can be requested on their OQRS. Online logs will be available at ClubLog. Website: lx2011.lldxt.nl [OPDX Bulletin]

31/08/2011: Bob, W3BTX, will be in Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033) from 31 August to 7 September 2011 for a vacation style operation. He will operate 160-10m both SSB and CW, using the callsign P49T. QSL via W3BTX direct (with sase + postage) or by the W3 QSL Bureau. NO eQSL's!. [NG3K]

01/09/2011: Look for Jan, OK1XD, to be active holiday style from Liechtenstein from 1-10 September 2011 as HB0/homecall. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10m, including the WARC bands, using 3 antennas, all modes with focus on digital. Note that begin and end dates are uncertain - actual info will be posted on QRZ.com. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [NG3K]

01/09/2011: George, K3GV, will be staying on Prince Edward Island (IOTA NA-029, CIsA PE001, WLOTA 0523) during the entire month of September 2011. He will use the callsign K3GV/VY2 and will be QRV mainly on 20 and 15 metres. QSL via his home call, direct or LoTW. [K3GV]

01/09/2011: Gab, HA3JB, will once again be active from Cairo, Egypt, as SU/HA3JB between 1 September and 30 November 2011. QRV on the HF bands using CW, RTTY, PSK31 and some SSB. There is the possibility Gab will be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (24-25 September). QSL via HA3JB, direct (see QRZ.com). [AT International]

02/09/2011: Jasper, PB2JJ, will be active as 9H3JN (temporary callsign) from Qawra, SMO Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113), on 2-14 September 2011. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB, during the VRZA Malta Expedition 2011. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [PB2JJ]

02/09/2011: Nao, JA1HGY, will be active from Aland Island (IOTA EU-002, WFF OHFF-037, WLOTA 1373) as OH0HG from 2-4 September 2011. QRV on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Nao-san will also participate in the All Asian DX Phone Contest (3-4 September). He will also sign OH0HG/OH2 before and after OH0. His visit to Finland is to celebrate their long term friendship with Martti, OH2BH, since 1961. QSL via home call, JA1HGY. Do not send to OH Bureau. An online log search will be available at: www.clublog.org/charts/?c=oh0hg [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

03/09/2011: On 3rd September 2011, GB0PH will be on the air for Pontefract Heritage. The station will be located at Pontefract Castle (CASHOTA G261, WAB SE42, WW Loc. IO93IQ) organised by Pontefract Heritage Group. QSL via the RSGB bureau, or direct to G0BPK. [G1FYQ/G3FYQ]

03/09/2011: Max, IZ4JMA, will be active from Scoglio L'Isuledda (IOTA EU-024, IIA OT-113, MIA MIS-191) as IS0/IZ4JMA from 3-10 September 2011. From 10-17 September Max will be active as IM0/IZ4JMA from La Maddalena Island (IOTA EU-041, IIA OT-008, MIA MIS-013, WLOTA 1632) in the National Park dell'Arcipelago di La Maddalena (WFF IFF-004). Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Max also plans to activate a few lighthouses and other islets. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

03/09/2011: Fred, PA0FAW, will activate special event station PA11WSF from 1-25 September 2011. Activity will take place during the World Statues Festival which is held in Arnhem. Operations will be mainly on CW and PSK31, with some activity taking place from the National Park 'De Hoge Veluwe' (WFF PAFF-005), Province of Gelderland. QSL via PA0FAW, direct, by the bureau, eQSL, no LoTW, and SWL reports are welcome. [OPDX Bulletin]

10/09/2011: Special event station GB1AVR (WAB SE41, Book number 14192, WW Loc. IO93IP, FISTS 14041) will be active on 10th and 11th of September 2011 from the Ackworth Vintage Steam Rally at Lane Farm, between Ackworth and Hemsworth. QSL direct to G0BPK, or via the RSGB bureau. [G1FYQ/G3FYQ]

16/09/2011: Atsu, JA8FAA (T88GO), and Tatsuo, JA8CMC (T88TO), will be active from the Republic of Palau (IOTA OC-009) from 16-19 September 2011. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

17/09/2011: Christian, F8EZX/p, and Michel, F5GNY/p, will activate the Castle of Pierre-Paul Riquet (DFCF 31-049), located in the commune of Bonrepos-Riquet (CP 31590), canton [county] of Verfeil (DDCF 31-37), Department Haute-Garonne/31 and Province Midi-Pyrenees (DPF 15) on 17th and 18th September 2011. QRV on the HF bands - check for spots. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [F6FNA]

25/09/2011: Wayne, K9YNF, will launch his 4th IOTA DXpedition as K9YNF/1 from the Maine State West (York to Knox County) group (IOTA NA-137), from 25-30 September 2011. NA-137 has been confirmed by only 31.7% of IOTA participants globally and 11.4% in JA (2009). He plans to focus on Peaks Island (USi ME090S),

Cumberland county, Maine, but will possibly activate other islands in the group. QRV on 14.260 and 18.128 MHz SSB and 14.070.15 PSK31 (+/-) with a K3/100 and TransWorld vertical dipole. QSL via K9YNF (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

01/10/2011: Look for special event station CJ3A to be active on all HF bands during the entire month of October 2011 to celebrate the Centennial of Parks Canada (1911-2011). QSL via VE3LA. [RAC]

01/10/2011: Special event station VC3ARCI will be active during the entire month of October 2011 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the QRP Amateur Radio Club International. Expect activity on all HF bands. QSL via VA3JFF. [RAC]

04/10/2011: Willi, DJ7RJ, will be operating from Reunion Island (IOTA AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812) as FR/DJ7RJ from 4-26 October 2011. He hopes to focus on the low bands, running a K2 and a 500 Watt amplifier into an inverted L antenna. All QSL's to his CBA. [NG3K]

14/10/2011: Silverio 9A/IK3IUL, Ampelio 9A/IK3JBP, Calogero 9A/IW3ILP and Giacomo 9A/IZ3DBA will activate the island of Porer (IOTA EU-110, ACIA IC-78, CIA-35, IOCA CI-090, MIA MC-313, WLOTA 0240) on 14-16 October 2011. QRV on 80-10 metres, mainly CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [dx-world.net]

21/10/2011: To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of L?vis, Province of Quebec, special event station VE2Z will be active on all HF bands from 21-31 October 2011. QSL via VE2IDX. [RAC]

29/10/2011: Operators Rich OK8WW/OM2TW, Jiri OK1RI, Norbert OM6NM, Joe OM5AW, Dan OK1DIG, Vlada OK1NY, Petr OK1FFU, Jiri OK1DO, and others will once again activate C5A from Banjul, The Gambia (CQ Zone 35), for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via OM2FY. Website: www.om0c.com/ [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Operators Vince IT9CHU, Mark IT9CJC, Tony IT9EQO, Gianni IT9BUN, and international team will be active from Sicily (IOTA EU-025, IIA SC-001, MIA MI-107, WLOTA 1362, CQ Zone 15) for the CQWW SSB DX Contest (29-30 October) using the callsign II9T. They will have two stations to take part in the contest: Station 1 Multi Op/Two TXs - operators required; Station 2 SOP 20 metres and SOP 80 metres during CQWW SSB; Station 2 SOP 20 metres and SOP 160 metres. QSL via IT9CHU. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Dave, VE3SSJ / VE7VR, will use the special callsign VC3R during both the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) and the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QTH will be his new cottage located on Kensington Point, near the town of Desbarats (CQ Zone 4, WW Loc. EN86AH), Ontario. QSL VC3R via VE7VR (QRZ.com). [RAC]

01/11/2011: Michael, VE3NOO, will activate the special event callsign VE3FRST from 1-30 November 2011 to celebrate the International Year of Forests, from his QTH in Sandhurst (WW Loc. FN14ND), Province of Ontario. QSL VE3FRST via VE3NOO. Website: ve3noo.ca/ [RAC]

18/04/2012: Craig, VK4LDX / VK8PDX, has announced the he will be active as VK8PDX/p from the Bremer Islets (IOTA OC-185) on 18-23 April 2012. QRV on the HF bands, using a spider beam for 20-10m on a 10 metre mast. QSL via home call. Updates and further information at: oc185.blogspot.com/ [dx-world.net]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

26/08/2011: Special event station EX20ID will be active between 26 August and 4 September 2011 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the independence of the Kyrgyz Republic and to promote the national award sponsored by the Amateur Radio Union of Kyrgyzstan (information can be found at: www.qrz.ru/awards/detail/2213.html. [425 DX News]

27/08/2011: Special event callsign IR2LV will be in use between 27 August and 2 October 2011 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of ARI Vigevano. QSL via IK2AGN, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

27/08/2011: The Radio Society of Harrow (G3EFX) will be operating GX3EFX and demonstrating amateur radio from a 14th Century small barn at the Harrow Museum, London Borough of Harrow (WW Loc. IO91TO), for the Harrow in Leaf Show on 28 and 29 August 2011. The museum site consists of a granary, large 16th century tithe barn, with 12th century moated manor house built by the Bishop of Canterbury. QSL via G0ACK, direct or bureau. [GB2RS]

01/09/2011: Special Canadian prefixes will be used from 1 September until 31 October 2011 to commemorate the Centennial of Parks Canada, the World's First National Parks Service. VE stations will be able to use the CG prefix; VA stations can use CF; VO stations can use CH; and VY stations can use the CI prefix (VA = CF, VE = CG, VO = CH, VY = CI). QSL via the operators' instructions. [RAC]

01/09/2011: Look for special event station GB4BOB to be active from 1st to 20th September 2011 to commemorate the Battle of Britain. After running this station as a one-off for the 70th anniversary, the Pontefract & District Amateur Radio Society have now decided to keep it as an annual event to remember those who fought in the Battle of Britain. QSL via the RSGB bureau, or direct to G0BPK. [G1FYQ/G3FYQ]

01/09/2011: Special event station 8J5ARDF will be active between 1 September and 31 October 2011 to commemorate the All Japan ARDF Athletic Meet, island of Shikoku (IOTA AS-076), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/09/2011: Special event station 8N3R will be active from 1 September to 31 October 2011 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Ritto-city. Ritto is located in Shiga Prefecture [Shiga-ken], Kansai region, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/09/2011: Look for special event station ZM2KBR to be active from the North Island of New Zealand (IOTA OC-036, WLOTA 0069) between 1st September and 31st October 2011. Activity is to promote the 2011 Rugby World Cup games. QSL via ZL2KBR, eQSL, by the bureau or direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

25/08-29/08 KH7Q: Molokai Island WLOTA:1045 QSL AH6NF (d)
27/08-03/09 OJ0CC: Market Reef WLH:OJ0-001 WLOL:MAR-001 WLOTA:0542 QSL PA2A (d/b)
29/08-30/09 SV9/WB2GAI/P: Nisos Kriti WLOTA:1400 QSL HC (d)
31/08-07/09 P49T: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL W3BTX (d/b)
01/09-30/10 8N3R: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/09-30/09 K3GV/VY2: Prince Edward Island WLOTA:0523 QSL HC (d)
01/09-31/10 ZM2KBR: New Zealand (North Isl) WLOTA:0069 QSL ZK2KBR (d/b)
02/09-14/09 9H3JN: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL PB2JJ (b)
02/09-04/09 OH0HG: Aaland (main isl) WLOTA:1373 QSL JA1HGY (d/JARL Buro)
02/09-06/09 S79DO: Mahe Island WLOTA:3286 QSL DL5RDO (d/b)

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6 METRES & UP -

27/08-28/08 Hawaii QSO Party 6/2m included 27 0400z-28 2200z
27/08-28/08 Kansas QSO Party 6/2m included
27/08-03/09 OJ0CC: Market Reef EU-053 Grid:JP90NH 4 & 6m QSL PA2A (d/b)
28/08 50MHz Field Day Sicilia 0800z-1400z
28/08 IRTS 2 Metre Counties Contest (FM only)
30/08 RSGB 70MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
30/08-06/09 LX/PA1AW: Luxembourg Grid:JN29XX 6/2m FT847+Amp QSL PA1AW (d/b)
30/08-06/09 LX/PA3EWP: Luxembourg Grid:JN29XX 6/2m FT847+Amp QSL PA1AW (d/b)
30/08-06/09 LX/PA7FM: Luxembourg Grid:JN29XX 6/2m FT847+Amp QSL PA1AW (d/b)
30/08-06/09 LX/PA9JO: Luxembourg Grid:JN29XX 6/2m FT847+Amp QSL PA1AW (d/b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_aug.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 24 August, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! Post workers on vacation?? ;-)

QSLs via Direct: 9Y4VU (QRZ.com), CO8LY (EA7ADH), FP/K9OT (H/c), IW5DHN (QRZ.com), JD1BMH (JG7PSJ), JY5HX (QRZ.com), LU1ZI (LU4DXU), RI1ANC (RN1ON), TO2FH (OQRS), VU2PAI (QRZ.com) and ZB2FK (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 7Q7VB, A92IO, CR6K, EA3GHZ, EA3IN, F5TTI, FM5CD, HH2/PYSB, JI2ZJS, S5?A, TY1KS and ZS3Z.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

4W6A TIMOR-LESTE (EAST TIMOR) DXPEDITION SEPTEMBER 16 - 26, 2011

PRESS RELEASE NUMBER 5 - August 22, 2011

The 4W6A DXpedition is now less than one month away. Low-band operators will be pleased to hear that the team now has a Titanex V160E 87ft / 26.5m-high vertical antenna for use on 160m at 4W6A. The antenna was shipped from the manufacturers in Germany and has arrived in Darwin, Australia, from where it will be trans-shipped to Dili, Timor-Leste, later this month.

The team had previously planned to use an 18m Spiderbeam pole as the support for a 160m inverted-L. With the arrival of the Titanex vertical, the 18m Spiderbeam pole will now be used for a full-size 80m quarter-wave folded monopole vertical instead.

Other antennas include monoband quarter-wave verticals for 40, 30 and 17m kindly sponsored by Tony Burt, VK3TZ, of Rippletech Electronics in Australia, a 2-element phased array for 40m, an Australian-made Com-an-tena vertical for 10, 15 and 20m, a Butternut HF6V, a 15m vertical dipole, and a G3TXQ Hexbeam made by team member Ant David, MW0JZE. All the antennas will be located on the beach within a few metres of the ocean.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship received from many DX foundations, clubs and individual DXers, it has become possible to ship much of the heavier equipment to Dili, Timor-Leste, in advance of the expedition. The team is very grateful to all DX groups, companies and individuals that have sponsored the expedition. All are listed with thanks on the 4W6A website at www.4w6a.com/sponsors

4W6A will be QRV from Atauro Island (IOTA OC-232), Timor-Leste (East Timor), from 16 to 26 September 2011. Activity will be on all bands 10 to 160 metres, using CW, SSB and RTTY with up to four stations simultaneously. The QSL manager is M0URX, direct (SAE plus 1 IRC / $2), via the bureau, or LoTW. The entire log will be uploaded to LoTW as quickly as possible after the end of the operation or, if possible, also during the DXpedition. Direct or bureau QSLs may also be requested using the M0URX Online QSL Request Service (OQRS) at http://m0urx.com/oqrs (there is also a link from the 4W6A website at www.4w6a.com/qsl-information).

73,
Steve, 9M6DXX
4W6A Team Member

HA South Pacific Tour rescheduled

Due to difficulties in organizing and making arrangement for the transportation to Banaba, we decided to reschedule the HA South Pacific Tour DX pedition to January/February 2012.

We will leave Budapest on 8 January. The operation will start from Tuvalu, on 12 January, as T2HA. We will be back to Fiji on 26 January and 3 days of operation can be expected as 3D2HA. We will leave for Tarawa, on 31 January. Operation from Kiribati will take place till 23 February. We will attempt to go over Banaba for 7-10 days within this period. We will do our best to get over to Banaba, but the exact time of T33HA Banaba operation can be announced from Tarawa only. Two stations will be on the air from 160-10 meters bands on CW, SSB, RTTY and some PSK modes.

The landing permit to Banaba, licenses and flight tickets to Fiji, Tuvalu and Tarawa are in hand. The radios, antennas, PAs and other technical stuff have already been put together and packed. The weight of these packages exceeds the 100 kg (200 pounds). We will bring everything with us, as excess baggages. This DX pedition does not an expedition with dozens of operators, neither family holiday. It will be a "simple two men show". However our 8 weeks long operating plan, working from 3 different rare countries, make it very expensive. We will cover the flight tickets, accommodations and other personal expenses. The excess baggage fees and the transfer to Banaba are extremely expensive. Thus we are seeking support from DX Foundations and Organisation to help us to cover the extremely high transfer expenses to Banaba and the excess baggage fees. Personal contributions

are also welcomed. More information on http://ha5ao.novolab.hu

73 de Laci - HA0HW

Herbie (G6XOU) will be QRV as GB65ISWL from 0000Z Friday
(tonight) until 2359Z on Monday evening (29th).

QRV on PSK31 and SSB.

This callsign is to celebrate the 65 years, since the formation of the
International Short Wave League. (ISWL).

This callsign is registered with the EPC.

All the GB65ISWL details are on QRZ.com or www.iswl.org.uk

QSL - Direct, via Bureau and eQSL.cc.

This coming weekend is a Bank holiday in England, so a lot of extra
UK activity may be seen on Monday.

Vy 73 to all

de Pete Rayer
ISWL Life Vice President.
Bournemouth, UK

XU7 - Cambodia
A team consisting of Masumi JA3AVO, Kunio JA1CJA, Takeo JA3BZO, Shozo JA3HJI,
Nakasako JA3UJR and Tatsuo JA3ARJ (XU7ARJ) will be active from the XU7AAA rental
shack (WW Loc. OK10SP), Sihanoukville City (Kompong Som), Kingdom of Cambodia,
from 12-22 January 2012. Further information to follow.... [dx-world.net]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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